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1. SPEAKING AT POLITICAL RALLIES OVER THIS WEEKEND, LABOR MPS PATRICK HOLLAND AND JOSEPH BRINCAT REITERATED THEIR CHARGES ON BRIBERY ATTEMPT BY BRITISH LABOR MP, AND ITALO/MALTESE ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST P.M. MINTOFF, AND PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS IN RESPONSE TO TIMES OF MALTA ANONYMOUS COLUMNIST WHO DENIGRATED THIER CHARGES AND DARED THEM TO PROVIDE NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED.

2. HOLLAND SAID THAT DURING HIS LONDON HONEYMOON IN JANUARY 1972 HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO LUNCH BY BRITISH LABORITES "LEO APSE, DR.T. WILLIAMS AND DR. SHIELDS" AT WHICH TIME THEY OFFERED HIM BETWEEN THRITY AND FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS FOR A BRIBE. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE EXACT AMOUNT OFFERED. HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THE BRIBE WAS FOR,BUT GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS TO INDUCE HIM TO VOTE AGAINST MINTOFF IN A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.
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3. BRINCAT REITERATED HIS EARLIER CHARGE THAT SOME ITALIANS AND MALTESE HAD PLOTTED TO ASSASSINATE MINTOFF AND ALLEGATIONS THAT HE AND LBOR M.P. PHILIP MUSCAT WERE TO BE HELD IN STRASBOURG SO THAT LABOR ADMINISTRATION COULD BE VOTED OUT OF OFFICE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS BOUND TO SECRECY AND COULD ONLY REVEAL NAMES IF HE HAD THE PERMISSION OF HIS INFORMANT.

4. COMMENT: OPPOSITION PRESS AND TIMES OF MALTA ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO QUESTION THESE CHARGES AND CRITICIZE BRINCAT AND HOLLAND FOR FAILURE TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY LONDON MAY HAVE ON HOLLAND'S CHARGES AND ON THOSE ALLEGEDLY INVOVED IN THE ATTEMPT, AND ANY REACTION IN UK.GETZ

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